

EDUCATION

Determination of Educational Jurisdiction

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Policy	Each child placed by the Department of Children and Families is entitled to a free and appropriate public education. The responsibility for providing the education lies with the town having nexus.
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Definitions	<p>Educational jurisdiction means the fiscal and programmatic responsibility for the education of a child.</p> <p>Local education agency ("LEA") means a local or regional Board of Education.</p> <p>Nexus means the status applied to a child when the child's parent or guardian lives in a residence in a town in Connecticut.</p> <p>No-nexus means the status applied to a child if one or more of the following criteria are applicable to each parent or guardian of the child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• parental rights have been terminated;• the parent or guardian is deceased;• the whereabouts of the parent or guardian are unknown;• the parent or guardian does not live in Connecticut;• the parent or guardian resides as a patient in a treatment facility; or• the parent or guardian resides as an inmate in a correctional facility. <p>Responsible LEA means the local education agency that is required to ensure that every child for whom it is legally responsible receives free and appropriate education services.</p>
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Educational Jurisdiction	Educational jurisdiction is established through the residence of the parent, the residence of the child or other special circumstances. Whenever there is a question regarding educational jurisdiction, the Social Worker shall contact the Educational Consultant for assistance in the determination.
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